

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE



In the application of:

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Serial No: 09/462,695  
Filed: January 12, 2000  
For: Improved Papermaking Screenplate  
& Method of Construction  
Art Unit 1723  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION  
UNDER RULE 1.53(d)(1)

Applicants respectfully request continued prosecution of  
this application under Rule 1.53.

Cancel claims 1-11.

Add the following claims:

12. A papermaking screenplate comprising an assembly of elongate strips, a plurality of spacer cross bars located between adjacent strips to define open ended slots between the assembly of strips, the spacer cross bars having a thickness defining the width of slots between adjacent strips, the spacer cross bars in an assembled screenplate being separated from each other at intervals approximately equal to two to twenty times the length of spacer cross bar, and the screenplate having an open area of up to 27%.

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13. A papermaking screenplate comprising an assembly of

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